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General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

1334 Chestnut Street,

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.,
STATED CLERK.

Philadelphia, December 1 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Bureau of Education

Dear Dr:-

I herewith enclose you a copy of the Minutes of our Committee meeting. Do you think that I had better send a copy of these Minutes to each member of the Committee, or had I better retain the Minutes until we know who the speakers will be. One topic I am not satisfied with, and that is the third for the afternoon session. It is too large a topic for thirty minutes and the history of the Church will be accessible in a convenient form at the next Assembly. I should prefer very much to have the subject changed to read, the Reunions of the Church and their Relation to its Doctrine and Progress. Take this matter into consideration and let me hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Roberts

Dictated by Mrs. William Thaw.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 1st, 1897.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

You will pardon this short typewritten note, but I want to get as much done this morning as possible, and this is the only way. I hope that you can make it suit your arrangements to stop off at East Liberty Station on your way from Carlisle next Tuesday and take luncheon here, and, perhaps, have a little rest before going into town. You will then have an opportunity to see young Dr. Gregg, of whom I told you, and possibly Rev. Dr. McEwan, who will, I know, be glad to talk over the work in general.

Kindly let me know by a telegram what time to expect you and a carriage will meet you at the station.

Yours sincerely

M. E. Thaw

THE
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CHICAGO

December 1, 1897.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I enclose you some suggestions in regard to the alternates. I wish to make others personally to you. I think, first, that when the list is completed you as Moderator and as chairman of the committee might accomplish some good by a letter to be sent to all the speakers when they have accepted, saying that it was the wish of the committee that the whole celebration should have in view the strengthening of the faith and zeal of the church for present and future agressive work. That it is desired to make it an occasion for the girding up of loins and pressing forward in the conquest of our beloved country and of the world to Christ. I intended to offer a resolution to that effect, but forgot it. However, the whole committee expressed that view, and all were heartily in favor of it, and the speakers should be made aware of that sentiment of the committee.

Yours sincerely,

W G Gray

THE
INTERIOR
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I have been looking over the list of speakers at the celebration, and would like to submit some suggestions as to the alternates.

The first speaker, Dr. Patton, has Dr. McPherson set down as alternate. That is a very good choice.

No. 2. Niccolls. Dr. Sutphin of Cleveland, would be the best alternate I know of. I suggested his name to the committee for any topic.

No. 3. I suppose we can rely upon Dr. Norcross accepting.

No. 4. Moffatt. I hope he will accept. I have no alternate to suggest.

No. 5. Coyle. I see McCook's name is down. That ought to be Hill of Portland. We must be sure that the Pacific slope is not left out.

AFTERNOON.

No. 1. B. L. Baird. Here we should take Judge Van de Berg, who is set down as Harrison's alternate, and put him as Baird's alternate. He would like the topic better, and handle it better.

No. 2. Agnew. We should put a Philadelphian on as alternate. I suggest Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, of Philadelphia.

No. 3. Stryker. I happen to notice that Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Cuyler's old church, in Brooklyn, has written a book on this very topic. It is entitled "Puritanism and Presbyterianism in America." He would be the very best man for that place.

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No. 4. I suppose we may rely upon Gen. Eaton.

No. 5. I think we may rely upon Van Dyke.

EVENING.

I think we can rely upon all the speakers except Harrison. I have taken Judge Van de Berg up to No. 1, in the afternoon. It would be more pleasing to Harrison than any name that could be offered, to put Mr. Wanamaker as his alternate.

Sincerely yours,

N G Gray

South Orange N.J. Dec 1-1897.

My dear Doctor Jackson:

How very very kind of you to send me that Eagle Skin robe. It came last night and is a beauty. ~~It came last night and~~ It made my eyes snap for I haven't wandered over the wild and woolly west without absorbing a passion for such things. There is just enough of the grey wolf skulking around in the depths of my nature - or in the backwoods of my memory, to make me want to go out once in a while - and howl.

There must be forty eagleskins in that robe; what an inspiration to sleep and dream under! Think of the cliffs, chasms, ice regions and unknown Klondikes over which they have soared + the vast forests + streams they have surveyed + the ~~cliffs~~ peaks they have scaled, and their wild free life as "playmates of the Mountain Storm!

Whew! I want Pikes Peak - Tacoma or Mt St Elias for a pulpit and all the world for an audience!

Whoop-la! let-er-go-galagher! Mrs Spining and my daughters join me in thanking you: they say its a 'perfect beauty', and the boys say its a 'dandy'! As to the speech I hear no end of it & am afraid it will spoil me. Gen Harrison referred to it in introducing me to a mass M.M. meeting in Indianapolis last month, and Gov Mount in introducing me at the Presbyterian Banquet there referred to it in warm terms and then said "but he cant do it again". I wanted to brain him on the spot. Is a man always to be loaded for big game - or is he expected to go sparrow shooting with a hundred ton gun or even a winchester rifle? Let the occasion come again - and I think the effort wd be equal to it.

I have not heard from Dr Roberts as yet in reference to the general treatment of the subject at the next Assembly. It is certainly broad enough to include Home Missions, and that theme will quite suit me.

By the way when you next have occasion to pass a Sunday in this region why cant you give me part of it or all. The latch string is out always - & we would all like to see you. Mr Stevenson, one of my Elders - remembers entertaining you once in his home in New York He wishes to be remembered to you

Yours Always

Geo. L. Spining.

Answd

MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

BVT. BRIG. GEN. ROBERT N. ADAMS, U. S. V.,
Colonel 81st Ohio Infantry, COMMANDER.

BVT. BRIG. GEN. EDWIN C. MASON, U. S. A.,
554 Holly Avenue. RECORDER.

ST. PAUL, MINN. Dec. 2 1897

Dear Dr. Jackson
Washington D.C.

I made application for the appointment of Consul General to Honolulu Hawaii Island, but it was given to another. The President recognized my war record & the strong endorsements put into his hands but since the place was promised.

My Congressman Hon Loran Fletcher of this City (Minneapolis) has urged my name for Consul to Marseilles France & that is now pending. A personal word from you to the President will go far in my favor. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe also Drs. Withrow W.B. Roberts & Gen Brown have made effort in my behalf but I am convinced that you can get nearer the President than any of them.

If I could get the position of Commissioner of Education in the Hawaiian Islands I would much prefer it.

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I would then be in a position to do something for the people of those Islands in more directions than one. It was to a great extent future by Christian money that gave the Gospel to those people in the first instance.

For twenty seven years I have been continuously in the Home Mission work & being strong & well, have never taken a vacation.

My wife however is an invalid & has been for twenty years, & for her sake I want the climate of Honolulu.

Can you do anything to assist me in securing either of the positions mentioned;

The President has my case before him & I feel that your personal influence will bring it to an issue.

I have noted the attention you are receiving & which you so fully merit & rejoice with your many friends over it.

Fraternally yours

R. N. Adams 620½ Nicollet Ave Minneapolis

First Presbyterian Church,

La Grande, Oregon Dec. 2nd., 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., LLD.

Moderator 109th. General Assembly,

Washington, D.C.

My Dear Brother:-

It affords me pleasure to grant your request. I think I have almost a verbatum copy of the speech I made reproduced. I was afraid that I could not recall it, but when I began to jot it down, I was surprised to find how readily it came to me. Yes the work of the Committee is of a most delicate character. All realize that, and there is great anxiety, but the prayer is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that all that is done, may be for the honor and glory of God, and the advancement of His cause.

No, I have never attended a Pan-Presbyterian Council I would esteem it a great honor to do so if it could be. I thank you for the kind interest taken in me.

Mrs. Hayes joins me in best wishes, and kind regards to yourself and lovely daughter, whom we had the pleasure of meeting at Winona.

Believe me, Sincerely yours,

R. M. Hayes

THE PRESBYTERIAN UNION,
OF PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY,
REV. E. R. DONEHOO, Sec'y and Treas.,
17 WARDEN STREET.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec 2 1897

Dear Doctor Jackson

I will inflict one final letter on you & then leave you to make your way to our benighted region. You are to reach here Tuesday morning. Miss Shaw is expecting you to lunch with her & most likely she will corral you as you get off the train at East Liberty. You can remain there until I call for you. Our presbytery will be in session near there on Tuesday at Pennsylvania College for Women. I thought the brethren would like to see you, & you them, so if you are satisfied I will conduct you there.

Mr J. N Peew (Pew) not Penn, wants you at his house. We could dine with him at 6 P.M. He resides on Highland Avenue East End, then he would bring you in to the Monongahela House.

Will you please tell Dr Eaton that Mr Pew will meet him at the B & O.

Fulton Ark. Ty.
12-3-1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D. C.

My Dear Sir and Bro:

I have made application to the War Department at Washington to be made Chaplain in the U. S. Army. My brethren in the Ministry have well endorsed me. I am a graduate of two Colleges, have been a Home Missionary most of my Ministry; My Presbytery last Spring, put me in the field as general Missionary, I am serving now in West Co.

pacity. I am been in the ministry 13 years. My endorsements are now on file in Sen. Alger's office. I notice a mention of the last General Assembly, & of course attended the reception to given to your Moderator. I'm a stranger to you, but your name has been familiar to me for years. Allow me to ask you if you can do any thing to aid me in the matter. Of course I would like to be made Chaplain & you felt so for 7 years but never made application until the last year. From the Army Register of last year

an appointment from Tipp. Cty. or Ak. Cty. has never been made. I am a member of the Synod of Indiana Cty. which includes this Cty. & would like to make a point here, & have an appointment made from this part of the world. Would like for you to see my endorsements ~~too~~ as they may be found in the Office of Gen. Alger. And now, Bro. Jackson what you may be able to do I will be grateful & think God for it. Fraternally

W. E. Vost.

P. S. If you have any suggestions to make or "strings to put me up to," will you kindly do so. Shall I hear from you at your pleasure?

H. E. V.

Ack.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 3d 1897

My dear Sir:-

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the Chairman of our Committee on the 200th Anniversary authorizes me to send out a circular letter to the Committee, asking if they are willing to change the third topic assigned for the afternoon session, viz: "The Growth and Influence of the Presbyterian Churches in the U.S.A.". It is proposed to substitute for said topic, "The Reunions of the Church and their Relations to its Doctrine and Progress." The chief objection to the topic which now appears as the third for the afternoon, is that the ground covered is by far too great. No man in thirty minutes can do any kind of justice to the subject. The topic proposed to be substituted has the advantage of being confined to the reunions of 1758 and 1869, and further that both these Reunions were effected upon the basis of the Westminster Standards.

It is understood that if a majority of the Committee favor the change it will be made.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

W. H. Roberts

Hoonah, Alaska, December 3rd 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother;-

I have been considering, for a long time, whether or not it was my duty to again write in regard to school matters here at Hoonah but have not wished to do so for a number of reasons.

To the people of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. McFarland stands in the light of a faithful missionary of the Gospel of Christ who has faithfully devoted her life to the work here in Alaska and sacrifised all else to that accomplishment. Those who know her through the medium of church literature and educational reports have a perfect right to this opionion.

To these same people I may appear as a young, inexperienced, opinionated man who has entered the ministry as a profession, come to Alaska because the salaries SEEM to be higher and trying to make things uncomfortable for those who have PROVEN themselves faithful in the work. I do not know how much you may know of my past, but suffice it to say I left much more than I ever expect to get in the ministry, as far as material things are concerned, worked and borrowed my way through the regular course in seminary, and came to Hoonah after hearing your lecture in seminary chapel, because no one else would come. I refused, when at Juneau last Summer, at least four times as much as I am now receiving, without a moments consideration, because I thought I was needed in the ministry. All this would sound very much like boasting if it were not simply to show that I am not in the ministry for "revenue only" and not obliged to remain on account of any such selfish motives.

Two things so stirred me, this morning that I resolved to write at once. Several days ago Mrs McFarland requested me to let her know if any one was going to Juneau. When I heard the bell ring this morning I went and told her that "Carl" was going. She replied "Ch, I can't have any school today; I must write letters!" This shows the general policy. The second thing was a statement made in regard to the last mail received, brought by Indian Dick. He went to her first and She went through the mail, told Dick there was NOTHING for the STORE & all the balance was for me. Nearly half left in the sack WAS for the store. She said this morning "What did you tell him for? I told him there was nothing, so he would not charge the store".

This is a fine system of ethics for woman who is training up those whom we hope may, in the future, become Christian citizens!

The clerk at the store went away for several days and left the key with Mrs McFarland, in order that she might sell anything that was wanted. A white man, Johnson, from Port Althrop, for whom

Mrs. McFarland had a great dislike ,apparently,came over for some supplies . Mrs. Mc. told him she did not have the key and the man went away disappointedBUT met the clerk coming back . Johnson asked him why he did not leave the key when he went away and of course the "cat was out of the bag"!

This is only a sample of more that I could give ~~not~~ from my own experience . She even informed me the other day that Mrs. Howell sent in ALL of her reports for the school last year! Is it possible ? Mr. Reilly ,at the store, said he would be willing to SWEAR that there was not school half the time last year and I think that would be a very liberal estimate. Mrs H. was in the same building and while we kept no definite record,we know that she was not out of bed for weeks and weeks at a time.

She has taught for one whole week in Mrs. McFarland's place ,this year! The first month of this year they were obliged to "borrow"our children and even carried away captive little Alvin ,the baby who took such a fancy to you on the "Topeka". I presume you would find his name on the roll!!

She told me she had quite a good many scholars now,-"They dont all come AT ONCE. THEY COME WHEN THEY PLEASE". I asked her if they WENT "when they pleased"tooand she said"Oh no,only the smaller ones who come to GET WARM".

THE SCHOOL A PLACE TO GET WARM AND THE MISSION A PLACE TO TO GET FREE MEDICINE !! How many generations will it take to Christianize and civilize Alaska with no higher ideals in THE MINDS of the NATIVES than this?

If the woman who is sent here to teach them goes into a neighbor's garden when he is away ,and takes what does not belong to her without leave or licence ,how can you blame the Natives for STEALING? That is the word we use for the offence when committed by THEM.

I am weary of these complaints and will send no more now or in the future unless requested to do so.

F.H.Whitworth,Rooms 6&7,Olympic Block,Seattle,Wash. who is a Christian gentleman and an elder in the Pres.Church spent about one week here and in that short time gained some very vivid impressions of the person in question which I think he would impart on request.

I also have the most profound sympathy of Rev.J.H.Condit pastor of LogCabin Church ,Juneau and Rev. Beer of Episcopal church, both of whom spent a week here last Summer.

I am not a teacher ,at least not an applicant for governtal favors,and have no friends or relatives now in mind who would care to live in this"metropolis"!!

With best regards to yourself and Mr. Hamilton,I remain.

Yours very respectfully,

Alvin C. Chester

HOPE CHAPEL.
JOHN B. DEVINS, PASTOR.
339 EAST 4TH ST.
NEW YORK.

December 4, 1897.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter relative to Governor Brady. I shall be very glad to receive his photograph when a new one is made. What a splendid field he has at this time and how finely he is filling it.

Mrs. Devins was very much pleased to receive the message from Miss Jackson. I trust that we all shall meet again at Winona in a little more than five months.

Very sincerely,

John Bancroft Devins

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington, D. C.
Department of the Interior,
Alaska Division.

Juneau. ~~Sitka~~ Dec 5th 1897.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Washington.

Dr. Sir,

Mr Beck and myself have been drawn on the Jury, and are at present in Juneau Trying Court. we expect to go home about the 20th of this month.

The Society will not hold their next meeting untill the second Monday in January. I have sent to you in another envelope a Statement of our Summer management in the Museum together with the receipted bills for your inspection. I would like to have the bills sent back so I can turn them over to the Secretary, Miss Carrie Patton. I am glad to say, that we owe no debts connected with the Museum all bills and labor has been paid, and I also paid Mr Brady twenty dollars and ninty Cents due on Lumber for the latter I have not received

a Receipt, I have not mentioned it in my Statement to you.
My time was so taken up last summer that I could not make any Lantern Slides, the only work I have done I Photographed my Painter boys, and sent a Picture of the same with my Report to Bureau of Education.
Every Steamer brings up from a hundred to hundred and fifty People, the Rush is beginning. I have had three offers made so far two to go into the interior, and one to establish myself in Dyea in business, a Carpenter, a gentleman of good standing wants me for a partner in building houses and finishing them, it is very tempting as there is no doubt lots of money to be made next year, and to secure a little fortune in a short time is almost my duty, my little daughter demands this from me while I am young enough and healthy I should not let this opportunity slip away. If we have money we can do much good

if one do it in the right way, I believe it to be the greatest factor to secure peace and tranquility to mens souls. I know I would have success as I have been made strong in the Lord; he will not forsake me. I must confess to you that my connection with the Mission, the moral influence, I have received at the hand of the good people, has made an entirely different man out of me, than what I have been years ago, and no one outside of you Dr. Know this better than you. I have time untill Feby 1st befor I will decide definetly, and in case I should go, will of course do everything in my power to help increase the Collection in the Museum, which is now out of all danger and safe.

My sixth payment on my Policy is due now and I can get that longest for Loans. I wish you would send me my

my Insurance Policy papers as soon as convenient, I must pay of some debts with this money.

Hoping that you and your Family are blessed with the best of health, wife and myself unite in wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from your obedient Servant

F. C. Probese.

Children's Home Missions.
Miss Martha Van Marter, Editor,
East Orange, N. J.
17 Webster Pl.

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Woman's Home Missions.
Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Editor,
Delaware, Ohio.

Delaware, Ohio, 6 Dec 1897

Rev & Dear Brother

I wrote you yesterday & will only add now that it will upset all the auxiliary programs if we defer - the Alaskan lesson

I have also written the lady who will prepare the lesson to get certain books on Alaska naming certain things desirable to know which must be in the lesson, as geography - inhabitants products, missions &c

Mrs Beiler's trip & mission there can be given another time - Dr Jackson will tell us something of it

The lesson

does not need to embrace her
trip at all. It does need to
state how many missionaries
we have there, what kind
of a building how many pupils
& whether Indian or Esquimaux
& what outlook. I think all
these Dr Jackson can give & you
may send that brother-in=
deed this letter & I think
he will add these items
to the account he will
send to me
My tenderest sympathy to
Mrs Biles & tell her she shall
have all the chance she
wants when she gets ready
Yours Truly
H. L. Wilcox

Answered

Salt Lake City Utah
Dec 6th 1897

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 1st Inst to hand. – Many thanks – I have fine endorsements, and can secure the direct help of such Senators as Warren Thurston & Wolcott – You know our home influence is not strong since Brown is out. I have his letters & any help he can render. – What position would be most associated with you? What one would be most in line of business? If I had my matters talked over with the powers that be. Could I leave them with you to be presented at the right time? –

My two girls hope to be in W. for the winter vacation & probably at 1740 Corcoran St, wish Your Daughters could see them.

Sorry to trouble you - but I think you will be more consulted in these matters than any one else - and very fortunately my political record is thoroughly in accord with this administration -

Very Respectfully
E S Parrott

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Sitka Alaska Dec 6th 1897

Dear Dr Jackson.

Some two months ago I forwarded my resignation to the "Board" as Pastor of the Churches at Sitka, the same to take effect at the expiration of my furlough-missionary May 7th 98. I also asked that I might be allowed to leave on the first steamer in March as I have had no vacation for four years. I have not heard from them and I thought I would drop a line to you. You know the needs of this field better than any one else, and I hope you may find a good

good man to take my place. You know that Bishop Rowe is located at Sitka and while I do not think he cares much for the natives, he will do all he can to get the whites. The field ought not to be left without a minister as Juneau was left, for years. It might be a temptation for some other Denomination to start a Mission for the Natives even. There is more prospect for the growth of Sitka now, than there has been since our Mission was started. We expected you would come this way on your return from the Arctic & were greatly disappointed not to see you. I hope you

may know some good man to fill the place. I have told the natives that the Board would send a good man to them. Some of them seem to be afraid of the Russian Priest & seemed to think that he could harm them if I were not here to protect them. If anything should prevent you from attending the Conf. possibly next year let me know, as I was elected by the Presbytery as your alternate. All our Missionary family are well at present. Mr Kelly is working very hard & so are the Teachers & the school is doing just as well as could be expected. It will take a long time for it to get over past mismanagement. Confidential. Flora Campbell

is giving her Kelly much trouble & uneasiness. I trust that the Lord may restrain her from destroying herself. Bob Brady has gone to the Sound to be gone for a month. You will probably see the announcement in the papers of my son's marriage engagement. Mrs Austin joins me in sending our best love to you & your family. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain very sincerely Yours,

A. Austin

Answered

SECRETARY:
MRS. A. F. BEILER,
1524 P ST.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bureau for Alaska.

Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Dec. 7th 1897.

My Dear Bro. Jackson:

The enclosed letter will explain itself as to what Mrs. McCabe would like to have you do for her paper "Woman's Home Missions".

Mrs. Beiler seems to be a little better today. She says it is the best day in 4 weeks.

Yours Sincerely
Samuel L. Beiler.

article which will not be too expensive. I should

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be glad of your article as early as the 15 December but can wait until the 18th & even the 20th.

For your proffered favor, as for those in the past, accept my warmest thanks

Very sincerely
Mrs. H. C. McCabe

Make your article as long as you please.

Answ

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANDREW CHRISTY BROWN, PASTOR

Peoria, Ill. Dec. 8th 1897

Dear Dr Jackson: I hope you can & will come as invited herewith. From the time I first met you in room 14 - Quincy Place N.Y. city the winter of '77 I have been drawn to you & your work & I remember with great pleasure our association in the Minona Assembly.

Most Truly Yours

Andrew Christy Brown

ARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANDREW CHRISTY BROWN, PASTOR

Peoria, Ill. Dec. 8th 1897

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My Dear Dr Jackson:

At a meeting of the Presbyterian ministers of this city (7 churches) I was delegated as chairman to write to you to inquire if you could be secured to address the Presbyterians of this city in a league rally at some date early in February 1898 and upon what terms. Your position as Moderator would make your visit attractive to Lutheran Presbyterians and greatly arouse the whole mass in spirit enthusiasm. Your most excellent addresses on Alaska, any one of them, or any subject suited to enthuse Presbyterian loyalty would be what the pastors desire. An early answer would be a favor as we desire to engage someone for a meeting about that time and to begin announcing it as soon as possible

Most Truly Yours

Andrew Christy Brown

University of Idaho, Moscow.
F. B. GAULT, President.

Department of Agriculture
CHAS. P. FOX, Director

Experiment Station No. 2, Idaho Falls,
W. F. CASH, Superintendent.

Idaho Falls, Idaho, December 8 1897

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir; Having just read an article in Review of Reviews, on your work in Alaska I take the liberty of addressing you on a personal question, and I'll try to be brief. Since Alaska became so prominent through the Klondike finds I have been debating the question of going there and engaging in agriculture with a view of supplying the miners with such products as can be grown there. These, I suppose are quite limited, as well as the territory in which they can be produced. I also wish to ascertain as nearly as maybe the possibilities of stock raising to supply the same market.
Any assistance you may be able to render me will be greatly appreciated.
Of myself, I will say that I am 29 yrs old. married no child, college graduate. born in Ohio, have been employed in Ind. So. Dak. Nebr. Colo. and Idaho 6 yrs in my present line of work, spent one year in Nebr. as Instructor in Agri. in the U. M. A Mission School at Santee Agency. My wife was

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connected with the school several years, as matron etc. we might accept similiar work in an Alaska school for a time, but having others dependant on us for support, we feel obliged to engage in something that will enable us to meet our financial obligations.

Thanking you in advance, and hoping for an early reply I am

Yours Respt
W. F. Cash

THE PRESBYTERIAN UNION,
OF PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY,
REV. E. R. DONEHOO, Sec'y and Treas.,
17 WARDEN STREET.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec 9 1897

Dear Doctor Jackson

I enclose you check for $16.= being RR Expenses to & from Pittsburgh in interest of Presbyterian Union. I send also check for Dr Eaton which you will have the kindness to deliver to him.

Our people were greatly pleased with your visit here, & your talks on Alaska was appreciated more by our membership than any address we have ever yet had.

We liked Dr Eaton a gentle, kind, noble, earnest, spirit whom to know is to love.

Come back & we will give you "Cead Mile failthe," which you can get some Irish friend to interpret.

Yours truly

E. R. Donehoo, Sec'y

W. H. JACKSON, PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.
W. F. CROSBY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

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Denver, Colo., Dec 9th 1897.

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr Jackson:

Replying to yours of the 4th in regard to the Reindeer photographs of Siberia recently published in Harper's Bazar, I would say that I did not make these photographs and they were credited to me wrongly - against my instructions.

While in Siberia I collected a number of such pictures from the engineers engaged in the survey and who made the pictures themselves, some of these I sent the Negatives from which they made the reproductions you have seen. These I have not been returned to me yet although they have promised to do so. I have a few more of the poorer ones on hand

Lowman, which I send to you, with the privilege of making reproductions, if they can be made to serve your purpose, and then returning them to me when you are through with them — I have written the editor of the Weekly again and if I get the photographs returned, they are also at your service.

I hope I may be in Washington this winter & when the pleasure is making for again. I was sorry not to see you when you called at our place some time ago — How long do you remain in Washington & have you any more Alaskan trips in prospect?

I would have made the round trip with the crowd this past season if a better business had made the means easier to obtain — May get them yet, however.

Yours truly W H Jackson

EDWARD MARSDEN.
New Metlakahtla.
Alaska, U.S.A.

Lane Seminary,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dec. 10, 1897.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.,

My dear Friend:-

I was very glad to learn of your safe return from the North, and especially to know that you are coming to Cincinnati about the 8th of next month. Although I shall be out of the city before you come, yet I shall try to be here when you come, for I want to talk over a few matters of importance with you.

Mrs. Dr. Francis, president of the Home Missionary Society of Cincinnati Presbytery, tells me that you will be here three or four days. She has sent you the program, and asks me to urge upon you to carry it out as it is. That is, I think, she and the other ladies want to have you until Tuesday, Jan. 11.

I am getting on nicely with my work. That private matter of which I wrote to you a year ago has been satisfactorily settled. Gen. Eaton has no doubt informed you of this. The other things relative to my future work are not yet settled, and of this I shall speak with you when you come.

I remain,

Your sincere friend,

Edward Marsden

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Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor.

Acting upon the suggestion made to me last Oct. I take the liberty to so far trespass upon your valuable time and good nature as to draw a small draft from the fountain of knowledge involving Alaska in general and the Yukon river in particular. The particular information desired is as to whether fuel in sufficient quantity is to be had for the cutting and along the lower Yukon river to enable a tender boat to successfully navigate it. You will probably recall that I mentioned to you my desire to operate a steamboat on the Yukon & its tributaries; in order to do this I have associated myself with a number of gentlemen some of whom are inclined to question the possibility of being able to get a boat, operated independently of the regular transportation companies, from St Michaels to the mouth of the Koyoukuk, or the mouth of the Tanana, or Dawson by reason of the impracticability of obtaining sufficient wood to supply the steam. From your familiarity with the lower river I have no doubt that you will be able to afford us the desired information and if it be true that it will be entirely safe to take the necessary materials to St Michaels to be there put together for river navigation you will oblige me by telegraphing the fact to me at Fargo, on the rec't of

this letter, and somewhat after the following form: "Steamboat wood readily obtainable at Island: also all along Yukon". By the word "island" I shall understand that St Michaels is meant, and if you will follow your message by a letter stating in detail how easy or difficult, as the fact may be, it is to obtain fuel as indicated you will do me a great favor.

Should the facts not justify the sending of telegram of the above purport you may convey the information by letter rather than by wire.

Some of my associates are apprehensive lest the steamboat lines already established may have secured all the fuel readily available and will not be disposed to part with any of it to independent boats; another current report is that for four or five hundred miles up the Yukon from the sea there is no timber of any nature or description, growing upon its banks or within available distance. I shall be glad if you will also inform me whether there is a fairly liberal supply of timber on the Koyukuk and the Tanana suitable for milling or fuel or both, and if not how far up the Yukon has one to go before finding timber of such character as to justify the setting up of a sawmill.

Should you telegraph, do so at my expense, addressing me at Fargo, N.Dak.

Respectfully,

F. B. Guptill

OFFICE OF
A. J. GREEN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Moscow, Idaho, [illegible]

Dr. Shelton Jackson

Washington

Dear Sir:

I have made application to be appointed a U.S. Consul to Dawson City North West Territory, and as I met you in that country last summer, and you are familiar with the conditions up there, I would like to have an endorsement from you for this position. Senator Shoup from Idaho is going to have special legislation enacted to establish a Consul at that place, and has agreed to use all his influence for my [illegible] Shoup a letter of endorsement and notify me of the same, I will be under [illegible] ment for the Department and the President, and not for Senator Shoup, as [illegible]

I am

Yours very respectfully

A. J. Green

London - Charing Cross. Hotel

Answ

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

1334 Chestnut Street,

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D., STATED CLERK.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have received three declinatures from the list of speakers for the 250th Anniversary of the Westminster Standards. They are the Rev. M.W. Stryker, D.D., Rev. Henry M. Baird, D.D., and Gen'l Benj. Harrison. There is no alternate for Dr. Stryker, and I would suggest that we appoint Rev. S.S. Mitchell, D.D., of the First Church, Buffalo, N.Y. The Alternate for Rev. Henry M. Baird, who is down on my list is Prof. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, and the one for Gen'l Benj. Harrison is Hon. C.E. Vanderburgh, of St. Paul, Minn. We have already appointed Dr. Patton from Princeton, and it seems to me under the circumstances that I should prefer to appoint Dr. Howard Duffield, in the place of Dr. Baird, rather than another Princeton University man. If Dr. Patton should not consent to serve, and I have no word from him as yet, Prof. Wilson's appointment could then have no objection urged against it. Shall I wait until I hear from Dr. Patton, and then if he accepts appoint Duffield in the place of Baird?

With reference to Gen'l Harrison, I should personally prefer to appoint Gen'l Beaver rather than Judge Vanderburgh. I think that Beaver would give us a much better address on the subject assigned, which is "The Presbyterian Churches and the People." In connection with this whole matter, by referring to the Minutes you will find that the Chairman and Secretary were constituted a sub-committee with power to select alternates.

Awaiting your reply to this letter, I am

Very truly yours,

W. H. Roberts

Confidential

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DELAWARE, OHIO.

Delaware, Ohio, 16 Dec 1897

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My Dear Sir

I am just home from our Ex. Board meeting in Cincinnati & find your communications

I have read them with deep interest & am very grateful to you for them. They will be appreciated & do much good. I especially appreciate them as coming from one who is heavily taxed with much service. I have an excellent "Concert Lesson" to go with your articles. Thanking you for myself & the Society, I am Yours Sincerely

Mrs. H. C. McCabe

Owing to an accident the
paper will be delayed
some time

Will try. Dec 18th.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 17, 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

We have frequently tried to secure an article from your pen but hitherto without success. Will not you favor us with something on "Alaska as a Mission Field"., "The Future of Alaska", or some similar topic which will be likely to interest, inform and inspire our readers and be adapted to our magazine. We shall of course be pleased to pay for the article and hope you can have it in our hands not later than May 1st, 1898. The length should be about 3000 words. If you can have any photographs sent to us, showing the country, people, and work we shall be greatly indebted and pay all costs.

Yours very truly,

D. L. Pierson

Answd

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To the
Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Dr. Jackson.

Mrs. Francis wishes me to thank you most heartily for your two very kind letters, fixing definitely the time of your coming to Cincinnati. She feels very happy over the final consummation of her cherished plan.

Immediately upon the receipt of your first letter day before yesterday, she sent out word that you would be here on Sabbath, Jan. 9. morning and evening, and on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, afternoon and evening.

When your second letter came this morning, with your proposed change of schedule, Mrs. Francis at once changed her announcement, making the dates as follows:—

Cincinnati — Sabbath, Jan. 9. morning and evening.
Cincinnati — Monday, Jan. 10. Afternoon and evening
Indianapolis — Tuesday, Jan. 11. Afternoon and evening.
St. Louis. — Wednesday Jan 12. Afternoon and evening.

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Mrs. Francis was, of course, desirous of having you on Tuesday, but she has no thought of being selfish or unreasonable, nor would she add a single straw to the burden of your abounding labors, - either in your office in Washington, or in behalf of the cause of Home Missions which she loves so much.

She therefore, accepts most cordially your suggestion of date, and will write at once to Indianapolis and St. Louis, and also to Pittsburgh and Chicago.

A later date, she already knows, will suit the Pittsburgh ladies better than the original date; and no doubt the Chicago ladies will also be entirely satisfied.

I enclose you, on a separate sheet, the names and addresses of the ladies in Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago, with whom she has corresponded.

She has not had any correspondence with Milwaukee or any other cities except the four mentioned above, and with the Woman's Board of Home Missions in New York.

I will send you any printed notices which may appear.

Hoping you may be given abundant strength and grace for your great work, as in the past, and with thanks and warmest regards from Mrs. Francis and myself, I am

Most sincerely your Brother

John Junkin Francis.

Answ—

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

I write you in the matter of the exhibit by the Synods which has been proposed by Dr. S.C. Dickey, General Manager at Winona, in connection with the next General Assembly. (1.) In reference to this subject, I enclose copies of certain letters and also present certain views of my own for your consideration, as Chairman both of the Assembly's Committee on the 250th Anniversary, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee. I enclose you a copy of a letter written to me by Dr. McClintock, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Iowa. Dr. McClintock enclosed to me Dr. Dickey's letter to him, the two explaining one another so far as the writers are concerned.

2. Please notice in connection with Dr. Dickey's letter to Dr. McClintock, that it is dated Nov. 26, three days after our meeting of the Assembly's Committee in Philadelphia. Dr. Dickey saw me the week before the Committee met and I did say that I was favorably inclined to the proposition and that I would present it to the Committee. I so did, and you will remember that Dr. Gray said that it was best to leave the matter to the authorities at Winona. The proposition was then dropped, no further reference being made to it in the Committee and of course no action having been had.

3. In the draught of the Minutes, as sent to you by me this matter of the exhibit at Winona is included as an item referred to the Subcommittee. I am not certain that this entry in the Minutes is correct. It is true that the Assembly's Committee referred all matters of detail to you and myself in connection with the celebration at Winona. However, inasmuch as the exhibit was formally brought up in the

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Committee and not acted upon, is it proper to regard it as a matter within our authority.

4. I enclose a copy of a letter received from Dr. Dickey by me. Before I answer it finally I desire to hear from you. I have simply acknowledged the receipt and have stated that I have no authority to act in the premises. I enclose a copy of my answer.

5. My own opinion is that the matter should be left as Dr. Gray suggested, altogether to the Winona authorities. I do not think that we have any power to take the Assembly's money for such a purpose. Further, I cannot see as yet, any more than Dr. McClintock, what sort of an exhibit could be made in connection with the next Assembly.

Please let me hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Roberts

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Bureau for Alaska.

SECRETARY:
MRS. A. F. BEILER,
1524 P ST.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Dec. 19th 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My Dear Bro:-

Mrs. Beiler requests me to enclose this letter to you, and ask you to answer it. We are sorry to trouble you so much, but Mrs. Beiler, while a little better, is not able to move in bed, and so weak, that we dare not let her think or try to do anything as yet.

Hoping you are all well and wishing you the compliments of the season -

Yours Sincerely:

Samuel L. Beiler

6 Wall St., Room 84,
New York, December 20, 1897.

The Honorable Sheldon Jackson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Geo. H. Sandison, of the 'Christian Herald' gave me a card of introduction to you with a view of my conferring with you on the subject of a new snow and ice locomotive, a thoroughly practical machine entirely different from any which have yet been submitted to the Government, endorsed as to its absolutely practical merit by the master mechanics of several of the principal Railroads, and it was my intention to have gone to Washington at Mr. Sandison's suggestion, had I not noticed in this morning's paper that an adjournment of Congress had been taken until the beginning of January.

Can you inform me if a Committee has been appointed to investigate the ways and means for getting prompt relief into the Alaskan district, for to them it seems to me my plans ~~my plans~~ should be immediately submitted for consideration. It will be far more economical and expeditious than importing reindeer, from the fact that the patterns for the castings are ready and in two weeks from the time the order is given to the foundry a locomotive could be built, and there is no reason with the resources the Government has at their disposal why this train should not be ready to leave either Dyea or Chilkat Pass (which has been endorsed by Mr. Ladue as practical for this machine) by the beginning of February next.

You may possibly be aware that the Glover Snow Locomotive Co. are advertising to open a regular service in January up the Stickeen, and also are making use of Secretary Alger's name and letters from him so extensively in their prospectus that it would seem almost as if it was Secretary Alger's own project, and I am perfectly satisfied that such a machine can never accomplish the work as surely and satisfactorily as mine, as old Alaskan miners who practically know the conditions of the country and the class of snow and ice to be contended with are convinced that my machine will be successful.

If, as I suppose, it is the intention of the Government with the appropriation recently made to select the best and most expeditious means of accomplishing their object, then not a moment should be lost in investigating the merits of what I now offer.

S. J. No. 9.

If we can possibly interest you to bring the matter before the proper authorities at once, or get individuals interested in this project I will at once go to Washington and keep any appointments that you may make.

Further, the total expense of building the locomotive itself will not exceed $2000 in New York, and it can be delivered with cars equipped at Dyea or thereabouts for say, $5000.

I await the favor of your prompt reply and beg to remain

Yours truly,

A. W. Barnard

P. S. I have just received a letter of which I enclose you a copy, which will show you how the War Department treat these matters. They do not seem disposed to even investigate the best methods for relieving the situation after a quarter of a million appropriation, which I can not understand.

Copy

WAR DEPARTMENT.
WASHINGTON.

December 20, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of December 17th, relative to your snow locomotive. As you perhaps know by this time an appropriation has been made by Congress for disbursement under the War Department for relief of the Yukon District, but if snow locomotives of this kind are used they will have to be undertaken by private enterprise.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALGER.
Secretary of War.

A. W. Barnard, Esq.,
6 Wall St.,
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The committee on seventh council can wait until you return when do you leave. Answer.

W.H. Roberts.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 21 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your communications are at hand. I telegraphed you to-day stating that the Committee on the Delegates for the Seventh Council could wait for your return. Such is the actual state of the case; There is no call for the appointment of these delegates before the end of March or the beginning of April. If, however, you are not to be back until the ~~middle~~ last of April, the Committee had better meet. Allow me to respectfully suggest that I would not appoint Mr. Wanamaker the Chairman of both Committees. It would be just as well to leave the Committee on the Seventh Council as it is, or to appoint some other person as chairman, for instance, Dr. DeWitt of Princeton.

With best wishes and the compliments of the Season.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Roberts

MS

John Wanamaker, Philadelphia.

Private Office. Dec 21st 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

I have just opened your letter of the 20th. I am sorry you have to make the long trip into the Northland at this time.

I will act, with pleasure, on your Committee and transmit to them your wishes as contained in your letter.

Will you kindly advise me when and where the Committee will meet? and, have you notified the Secretary to send me notice of the Meeting?

Yours Truly

Jno Wanamaker

dictated

Ans

Log Cabin Presbyterian Church,
REV. J. H. CONDIT,
PASTOR.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, Dec 21 1897

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother: We are planning to build a new church house here in the Spring. We have raised by subscription $15.00 to buy a lot which will be in the centre of the Town & have paid for the same. The present "Log Cabin" property has become valuable for business purposes & we can realize $3000 for it when ready to sell. It has advanced in value during the past [illegible] We have already, by permission of the Board, sold the old house property for $700 & have a grant from the Board of $200 to aid in building a new house. A suitable building

$3000 and a suitable manse, a total of $4500. I must this or mile have $3900 from sale of present property [illegible] $600 [illegible]

This will leave a balance of $600 [illegible] I have made application to the Board of Church Erection for this amount [illegible] I feel [illegible] you [illegible] approval of the [illegible]

You can understand something of the effort necessary to raise the $1500 already paid for the lot. We have worked very hard to get it. Mr Behrends gave $500 and Mr Nied $250 toward the amount. The rest has come from small subscriptions [illegible] Our present accomodations are utterly inadequate. The roof of the old cabin is giving way & snow or rain comes in. We need [illegible] a new house

Log Cabin Presbyterian Church,
REV. J. H. CONDIT,
PASTOR.

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worship and must have it soon. The lot we have bought is just as good if not better for church purposes than our present quarters and by the sale of the old property and this help from the Board we will be able to provide a suitable home both for congregation & pastor which will be sufficient for years.

The title to the present property is held by the Church Erection Board in trust for the use of the Northern Light Church. As you know it has cost the Board nothing thus far. It was deeded to them by the N.L. because there are no trustees in the local church to hold it. The Board did pay $200 on the [illegible] property & [illegible]

I have represented are three things fully to do which and [illegible]

consecutively speak a word for us in favor of the grant it would be greatly appreciated.

I feel sure that the money could not be better invested than here. There will be great opportunities for advancing Christ's work in Juneau during the next few years but we must have a suitable church if we would accomplish that end. There is no more important field in Alaska or the West for Home Missions work than Juneau.

I have just been talking to a minister by the name of John Brown, recently of Fall River, Mass, who has formerly worked in the West says that he has met you. He will be at Skagway for the next three months and would supply that Church if the way were open. He will probably write to you soon. Can you recommend him for that work.

Yours Fraternally,

[illegible]

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

December 21, 1897.

To the

Diplomatic and Consular Officers

of the United States in Sweden and Norway.

Gentlemen:

At the instance of the Secretary of War it gives me pleasure to herewith introduce Dr. Sheldon Jackson, who is about visiting those countries for the purpose of securing reindeer in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of War issued in pursuance of the authorization of Congress appropriating the sum of $200,000 for the purchase of subsistence stores, supplies and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country or other mining regions of Alaska, and to purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of such stores and supplies.

Dr. Jackson is the General Agent of Education under the Department of the Interior for Alaska and is entirely familiar with that country. The Department directs that you extend to him all possible assistance he may ask for the successful execution of his instructions.

Respectfully yours,

(signed) John Sherman.

Secretary of State (John Sherman) Dec. 21, 1897, to Diplomatic and Consular Officers in Norway and Sweden.

Introducing Dr.Sheldon Jackson, who goes to that region to procure material for the relief of the people in the Yukon Valley, and assistance is asked for him in the work.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 22 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Yours of Dec. 21st is at hand. I greatly desire to see you for a few Minutes prior to your sailing for Lapland. Where can I see you? I should be glad to have you stop over with me Thursday night, or if you will telegraph me what train you take for New York, provided it is not a night train, I will get on the train at Trenton, and ride with you a part of the way to New York. Let me hear from you by telegraph at my expense on receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Roberts

Dec 22. 1897

My dear Uncle Sheldon –

You may imagine our surprise when Helen's letter came telling of your trip. I only wish I could go along with you as your private Secretary, for I think it is a glorious trip. Now if I could just think up some grand scheme and be sent off on special missions I should be delighted. You are such an old sailor that it is useless giving you good advice about what you should do, and what you should not do. And from my small experience you will get along much better without it. We all hope you will have a very pleasant voyage, and we shall think of you for the next ten days as walking up and down the deck taking in your fill of good salt air. We have been very busy all week getting a box ready to send up to Helen in Bridgeport. It has been great fun getting things prepared and I only wish

we were going to be at the other end when it is opened. I think it will keep Delia and Carl busy for about half a day getting it unpacked and the bundles unwrapped. Of course it seems rather strange having such a small family, but so far we have been so taken up writing letters to the absent ones each day, and cooking, that we have really not had time to think of it.

I think it is too bad that you came to Carlisle before we got home, for we do not have the opportunity of hearing our Uncle very often, so it is more tantalizing to have just missed him. But we shall expect another visit soon again to hear about this new trip. I shall have to close as Father is pacing up and down the room waiting for me to finish so as to take the letter over to the box. Hoping you will have a pleasant voyage and will be able to enjoy the chocolate caramels, with a great deal of love

From your loving niece,

Mary Jackson Moncrose.

Carlisle, Pa.

Dec. 22, 1897.

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My dear Uncle Sheldon –

You may imagine our surprise when Helia's letter came telling of your trip. I only wish I could go along with you as your private secretary, for I think it is a glorious trip. Now if I could just think up some grand scheme and be sent off on special missions I should be delighted. You are such an old sailor that it is useless giving you good advice about what you should do, and what you should not do. And from my small experience you will get along much better without it. We all hope you will have a very pleasant voyage, and we shall think of you for the next ten days as walking up and down the deck taking in your fill of good salt air. We have been very busy all week getting a box ready to send up to Helia in Bridgeport. It has been great fun getting things prepared and I only wish

No. 10,435.

(Special Passport.)

United States of America,

Department of State,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, that the bearer hereof,

Sheldon Jackson, a citizen of the United States, United States General Agent of Education in Alaska, is about to proceed abroad under instructions from the Secretary of War.

These are therefore to request all whom it may concern to permit him to pass freely without let or molestation, and to extend to him all such friendly aid and protection, as would be extended to like officers of Foreign Governments resorting to the United States.

In testimony whereof, I, John Sherman, Secretary of State of the United States of America, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed at Washington, this 22d day of December, A. D., 1897, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 122d.

(signed) John Sherman.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

December 21, 1897.

~~COPY~~.

To the

Diplomatic and Consular Officers

of the United States.

Gentlemen:

At the instance of the Secretary of War it gives me pleasure to herewith introduce Dr. Sheldon Jackson, who is about visiting England, Denmark and Sweden and Norway, for the purpose of securing reindeer in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of War issued in pursuance of the authorization of Congress appropriating the sum of $200,000 for the purchase of subsistence stores, supplies and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country or other mining regions of Alaska, and to purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of such stores and supplies.

Dr. Jackson is the General Agent of Education under the Department of the Interior for Alaska, and is in every way familiar with that country. The Department hopes that you will extend to Dr. Jackson every possible assistance he may ask in the execution of his instructions.

Respectfully yours,

~~(signed)~~ John Sherman.

Address all official communications to
"Commissioner of Education."

~~C O P Y.~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 21, 1897.

This will introduce Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., LL.D. the United States General Agent for Education in Alaska, who is charged with an errand from this Government relative to the purchase of reindeer for use in Alaska.

Dr. Jackson has been for twenty years connected with this Bureau in the work of supervising the education of the native Eskimo and Indians in Alaska. He has had charge also of the introduction of reindeer into that region.

On this visit he desires to learn what he can in regard to the methods used by missionary associations in Europe to educate savage or half-civilized peoples.

Any courtesies that may be shown Dr. Jackson in the way of aiding his investigations will be appreciated by him and reciprocated by this Bureau when occasion offers.

~~(signed)~~ W. T. Harris,

Commissioner of Education of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON,

~~Copy~~.

December 23, 1897.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

General Agent of Education in Alaska,

Office of Education.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of the Secretary of War, dated today, you are hereby directed to report to him for temporary duty in connection with the duties enjoined by the Act of Congress approved on the 18th instant, entitled:

> "An act authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriations therefore."

Very respectfully,

~~(signed)~~ C. N. Bliss,

Secretary.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASH INGTON.

~~COPY.~~ December 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby instructed to proceed at once, in company with Lieutenant D. B. Devore, United States Army, to Norway and Sweden, to purchase 500 reindeer broken to harness, together with full outfit for hauling or carrying supplies to the Yukon Valley, and also to provide such means as may be necessary for shipment to this country as soon as purchased, remembering that it is essential that they should be landed here at the furthest by the 15th of February. These instructions are also to cover the employment and bringing into this country of reindeer drivers.

Lieutenant Devore of the Army will accompany you as Disbursing Agent and will provide the necessary funds for all expenses and purchases in connection with the procurement and shipment of the reindeer. I wish you and Lieutenant Devore to confer on all matters pertaining to the purchase of these reindeer and the shipping of them.

These instructions are for Lieutenant Devore to confer on all matters pertaining to the purchase of these reindeer and the shipping of them.

These instructions are for Lieutenant Devore, as well as yourself.

Very respectfully,

~~(signed)~~ R. A. Alger,

Secretary of War.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Special Agent, Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Ans

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

1334 Chestnut Street,

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D., STATED CLERK.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23 1897

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I regret that it is impossible for me to come to New York on Friday. A number of things I wanted to see you about can wait until your return. I find however, that there is a desire to know when the meeting of the Assembly's Committee on the 7th Council will take place. ~~Find~~ Allow me to suggest as a date, Tuesday, March 8, 1898. If this is agreeable to you, please sign the enclosed authority for me to notify the members.

Another matter which I feel somewhat slow to speak about, concerns our Committee on the 250th Anniversary. Still I feel it is best for me to write freely to you. I do not like your beeing off that Committee. The Assembly fixed the number of the Committee and made you Chairman. When you appoint Mr. Wanamaker as Chairman in your stead, you appoint him to fill a vacancy made by your withdrawal. I do not think that other members of the Committee will be satisfied with this any more than myself. Many of the matters with reference to the 250th Anniversary can be settled after your return, and as to the only thing that presses, viz: the appointment of one or two alternates, I should prefer to consult by your authority, with Mr. Junkin and Dr. Dana; either one or both as you may prefer. I do not want you off these Committees. I am entirely content to work with Mr. Wanamaker, and should have no difficulty in so doing, but I prefer to have Sheldon Jackson, and that's the sum total of the business. Kindly reply before you leave.

Wishing you a happy voyage and a safe return, I am

Cordially yours,

W. H. Roberts

Department of the Interior.
Washington.

December 23, '97.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir:

When you return from your journey, I hope you may have time and inclination to tell some of your experiences of this unusual trip to the Men's Society of the Church of the Covenant.

Wishing you a safe, comfortable and successful voyage, and a merry Christmas — even if with strange

and unseasonable surroundings, I am

Sincerely, your admirer,

Clarence E. Allen

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Dec. 23, 1897.

Hon. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
New York.

My dear Doctor:

I congratulate you on your appointment on an important mission. It is fitting that you who have done so much already for Alaska should be commissioned to bring reindeer from Lapland. I wish you success, and a speedy voyage. Your services are beginning to be recognized by those in power, and you will continue to be useful to the country in your peculiar field of work — one which no one else can fill so well.

Cordially,
A. J. Davis.
Clarion, Pa.

Receipt
c.f. Dec. 31

The Sunday School Times

1031 WALNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA

EDITORIAL ROOMS

December 24, 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your mission to Lapland will, of course, difer the writing of the article for us; but we hope that it will only defer it. And so I take the liberty of returning the check that you kindly sent with your letter. If we can have the article from you later in the year, it will be just as welcome.

With kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Gallaudet Trumbull,

(Enclosure)

I send, under separate cover, a few copies of the booklet containing our announcements for 1898, with your name and portrait.

ALBERT K. SMILEY
PROPRIETOR.

LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE
MOHONK LAKE, ULSTER CO. N.Y.

December 27 1897

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st inst., is received and I would say in reply that the amount of the Indian Fund in my hands, is so small that it will not justify an expenditure of one hundred dollars for Mr. Marsden. I enclose, however, a check for fifty dollars, which I trust you will be able to use to good advantage, in assisting him to complete his education. His future career among his own people will be watched with interest by the association and I hope all expectations may be more than fulfilled.

We much regret that your duties compel your absence from the Indian Conference. The report of same is not yet ready, but as soon as it is received from the printers shall take pleasure in mailing you a copy.

With kindest regards, in which my wife joins,

Very truly yours,
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Recd.

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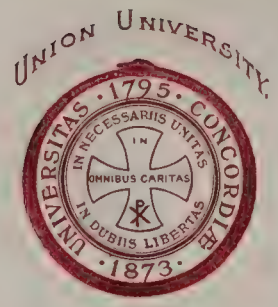

Dec. 28, 1897.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., LL.D.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

We regret exceedingly that you cannot be with us on Feb. 4th, but appreciate the necessity which calls you to Alaska and the Klondike region. I hope that your promise to lecture will hold good upon your return, as we can accommodate ourselves to your pleasure. Can you give me any idea when you will be back, or can you make me any definite promise now for April, May, or June ?

Yours very truly,

Andrew V. V. Raymond

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-- Jackson Esq

Late passenger by S/S "Lucania"

Hotel "Cecil"

Strand

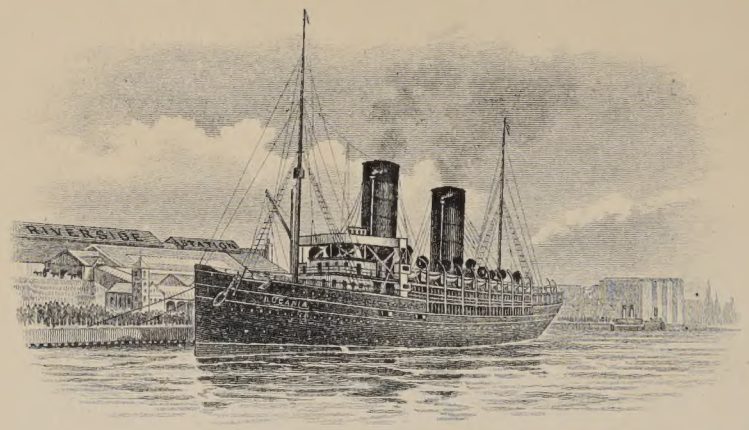
Dear Sir;

Our friends in New York inform us that you are on your way here to purchase Deer for shipment to the Klondyke district ,and we write to say that we shall be pleased to give you every assistance in the shipment of these animals.

Yours faithfully.

WILLIAMS, TORREY & FEILD, Ld.

Alfred L. Williams DIRECTOR.



CUNARD R.M.S. "LUCANIA."

Decr 31st 1897

Dear Sir, These lines will be handed to you by Dr. Sheldon Jackson & Lieut Devore, of the U.S. army, who have been my fellow passengers on the homeward trip of the "Lucania", & from whom I learn that they go to Norway on behalf of the U.S. Government with the object of securing

trained reindeer for transport purposes in connection with the conveyance of food to the Yukon River & Klondike. They will require transport from Norway to America and as it has occurred to me that you may be in a position to offer it to them, I have suggested that they should see you before finally fixing elsewhere.

I have had a most comfortable trip both in the "Campania" & "Lucania", & beg to express my appreciation of your kind attention. I am

Yours truly
Wm Johnstone Jr.
(Glasgow)

Norman Dumphrey Esq.
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